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This application is a continuation of International Patent Application No. PCT/EP99/09389, filed December 1, 1999, in the European Patent Office; additionally, Applicants claim the right of priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a) - (d) based on patent application No. 98830778.1, filed December 23, 1998, in the European Patent Office; further, Applicants claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) based on prior-filed, copending provisional application No. 60/118,527, filed February 2, 1999, in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; the contents of all of which are relied upon and incorporated herein by reference.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Field of the Invention--

Page 1, line 32, add section subheading --Description of the Related Art-- prior to the start of the paragraph beginning "Manufacture of tyres for vehicle wheels"

Page 7, line 28, add section heading --SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION-- prior to the start of the paragraph beginning "In accordance with the present invention"

Page 14, line 33, add section heading --BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS-- prior to the start of the paragraph beginning "Further features and advantages"

Page 16, line 23, add section heading --DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE

PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS prior to the start of the paragraph beginning "With reference to the drawings"

Add a new Page 46 after the claims, adding the following ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE. A new, separate Page 46 including the ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE is enclosed.

--ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A method of manufacturing a carcass structure for vehicle tyres includes the steps of making at least one carcass ply by deposition of elongated sections circumferentially distributed on a toroidal support and applying annular reinforcing structures to a region close to inner circumferential edges of the at least one carcass ply. Each of the elongated sections extends in a U-shaped configuration around a cross-sectional outline of the toroidal support to define two side portions mutually spaced apart in an axial direction and one crown portion extending at a radially outer position between the side portions. Each of the elongated sections is laid down substantially in a plane parallelly offset relative to a meridian plane of the toroidal support. A related carcass structure and tyre are also disclosed.--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel, without prejudice or disclaimer, claims 1-29, and add new claims 30-58, as follows:

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